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CONFIRMATION NO. ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. FIRST NAMED INVENTOR APPLICATION NO. FILING DATE William Dudley Currie DN2001168USA 5159 09/21/2001 09/960,215 **EXAMINER** 06/29/2004 7590 KNABLE, GEOFFREY L Howard M. Cohn c/o Ronald P. Yaist, Dept. 823 PAPER NUMBER ART UNIT The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company 1733 1144 East Market Street

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